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Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol

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Overview

In December 2004, the Southern Command number of filled traffic sergeant and trooper positions remained unchanged. Although the Highway Patrol has filled a small number of vacancies for the Southern Command, competing pay, staffing levels, and attrition continues to take its toll. With the increasing demands placed on personnel, budget requests have been submitted that reflect the necessary increases to support operations for Southern Nevada residents. During December there were no resignations or retirements.

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Southern Command personnel handled 1,022 crashes as compared to 1085 crashes in December of 2003. This was a decrease of 5.8%. Crashes resulting in fatalities remained the same as last year. In actual numbers there were 7 fatal crashes in November 2004, as compared to 6 fatal crashes in December 2004. The largest reduction of crashes was an 18% decline in injury crashes. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 20% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 60 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were two fatalities; 7 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 51 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 5.9% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1,094 crash reports and 233 arrest reports during December 2004. This resulted in 7,842 crash reports being mailed out. These numbers reflect a 40% increase as compared to last year. Visitors to the front office that required services decreased by 26% when comparing December 2003. The Southern Command Communication Center also experienced an increased workload. December 2004, resulted in 23,588 CAD incidents and 36,836 telephone calls received.

The Southern Command had another decrease in overall enforcement in December 2004. However, arrests increased dramatically, DUI arrests were up 64% and other arrests were up 47%. The Commercial Operations Section showed a significant increase in hazardous moving violation citations compared to last December, up 175%. There was also an increase in the number of commercial vehicle inspections completed which resulted in the number of commercial drivers placed out-of-service to increase 23%.

Southern Command personnel continue to perform their duties faced with increasing work loads, pay disparity, and insufficient staffing levels. Troopers logged 23,588 incidents/contacts with the public in December. In addition to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, these contacts included: motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

I commend the personnel of the Southern Command for their efforts.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	December 2004		December 2003	% Change		November 2004	% Change
Total crashes	1022		1085	-5.8%		1030	-0.8%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	759		763	-0.5%		743	2.2%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	257		316	-18.7%		280	-8.2%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	6		6	0.0%		7	-14.3%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	70		36	94.4%		41	70.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	8		6	33.3%		7	14.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2		1	100.0%		4	-50.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		1	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	3		1	200.0%		0	300.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		0	100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1		2	-50.0%		2	-50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	60		50	20.0%		49	22.4%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	51		37	37.8%		36	41.7%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	7		13	-46.2%		12	-41.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	2		0	200.0%		1	100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.6%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 6.8%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 42.9%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.9%
- ✱ Total crashes down 5.8% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 20% from last year.
- ✱ Injury crashes dropped 18.7% from last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	December 2004		December 2003	% Change		November 2004	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	70		36	94.4%		41	70.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	219		133	64.7%		131	67.2%
Other arrests	1082		732	47.8%		758	42.7%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	490		340	44.1%		333	47.1%
Speed violations	2601		2868	-9.3%		2202	18.1%
Hazardous moving violations	1925		1915	0.5%		1709	12.6%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	406		648	-37.3%		286	42.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	9386		9504	-1.2%		7907	18.7%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	77		28	175.0%		69	11.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	139		89	56.2%		122	13.9%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	727		496	46.6%		681	6.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		N/A	#VALUE!		N/A	#VALUE!
Total safety violations -- citation	214		144	48.6%		126	69.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	699		1558	-55.1%		1027	-31.9%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	37		123	-69.9%		71	-47.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	75		61	23.0%		103	-27.2%
Total school buses inspected	44		71	-38.0%		50	-12.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	3		12	-75.0%		3	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	1		75	-98.7%		13	-92.3%
Total overweight citations	0		14	-1400.0%		4	-400.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	525		505	4.0%		403	30.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		0	100.0%		2	-50.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	4		40		198
Safety Violations Citation	3		51		9
Safety Violations Repair Order	15		102		42
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	1		5		8
Dyed Fuel Inspections	4				
Dyed Fuel Citations	1				

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.16%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 33 years
- ✱ 9% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 4% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ✱ Traffic Enforcement is down 1% from last year and up 18.7% from last month.
- ✱ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement up 175% from last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle inspections are up 46% from last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	December 2004		December 2003	% Change		November 2004	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions	823.22		N/A	N/A		523.5**	36 %
CAD Incidents	23588		22491	4.9 %		21168	11 %
Telephone Calls	36836		36922	-0.2 %		36907	-0.2 %
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	100		N/A	N/A		114	- 12 %
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1094		1115	-1.9%		1126	-2.8%
Arrest Reports Processed	233		713	-67.3%		426	-45.3%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	17		53	-67.9%		9	88.9%
Vehicle Impound Releases	159		156	1.9%		240	-33.8%
Visitors at Counter	784		1063	-26.2%		806	-2.7%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	7842		5575	40.7%		7310	7.3%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	213		249	-14.5%		401	-46.9%
Warrants Entered	178		724	-75.4%		193	-7.8%
Warrants Cleared	182		185	-1.6%		188	-3.2%
Warrants Validated	2330		3751	-37.9%		1411	65.1%
Extradition / Transports	10		7	42.9%		13	-23.1%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	161		106	51.9%		102	57.8%
New Items Submitted	198		218	-9.2%		179	10.6%
Items Disposed	45		68	-33.8%		18	150.0%

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CONTRACT SERVICES

- ✱ 6 Contracts requiring 300.65 work hours, billing \$17,535.80

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 92.5 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 5 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 0.60 % of case submissions.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- ✱ 2 Enforcement missions, 120 violations, 14 violations per hour
- ✱ 1 Prisoner Transports
- ✱ Engine Overhaul

COMMENDATIONS

- ✱ 3 from the public to sworn
- ✱ 2 from the command to public
- ✱ 1 from public organization
- ✱ 2 from Allied Agencies

PUBLIC INFORMATION

HEAT Program: The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community. Trooper Hixson, Sgt. Mack, and the Command Staff have all checked out the HEAT Camaro to use as a tool to educate at various programs throughout the valley. Over 300 Clark County citizens educated. The Camaro was used at the Nellis Air Show as well, for recruiting.

Traffic Safety Engineering: Safe Diving

Traffic Safety Engineering members briefed about seatbelt safety and the "No Zone".

Red Ribbon Campaign: Stop DUI

Kyle Canyon Red Ribbon Kick off & luncheon. Troopers stationed on Mount Charleston were honored for there efforts with DUI and fatal prevention.

Cox Pavilion; Teen Career Fair: 40 teens attended the NHP career portion. The assembly included over 100 vendors/employers and 1,000 teens.

Special Olympics: Soccer Playoffs: Several athletes competed for the Gold. NHP is a proud supporter of the Special Olympics and have several events planned.

Opportunity is missed by most because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

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